

ASCIDIA PEDUNCULATA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus fixum, terciusculum, vaginans.

Aperturæ binæ ut plurimum ad summitatem.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3127.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

ASCIDIA stipite longissimo, capitulo ovato, aper-
tura utraque terminali.

ASCIDIA stipite sensim attenuato, capitulo fusi-
formi, apertura utraque terminali.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3127.

VORTICELLA OVIFERA.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Edit. 12. p. 1319.

Ascidiam clavatam, qua rariorem nullam continet genus, in hoc opere antea descripsimus. Species de qua jam agitur, licet illi valde sit affinis, non modo corpus habet multo rotundius, sed et foramina ambo terminalia, seu non in lateribus sita. Corpus subruberum et lœve. Stipes fusco-rubet, scaber, se-
tulis parvulis seu spiculis obsitus. Maria incolit Septentrionalia Ascidia pedunculata, rupibus, lapi-
dibus, conchisque majoribus plerumque affixa.



PEDUNCULATED ASCIDIA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body fixed, approaching more or less to a cylindric shape; in some species sessile; in others supported on a pedicle.

Apertures in most species two: situated towards the upper part.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER.

LONG-STALKED ASCIDIA with oval body and two terminal apertures.

The Ascidia clavata, one of the rarest and most curious animals of its genus, has already been described in the present work. The species now represented is much allied to it in general appearance, but differs in the shape of the body, which is much rounder, and in the situation of the apertures, which are terminal instead of lateral, as in the former animal. The body is of a reddish color, and smooth: the stem of a darker red, and rough, or beset with minute bristles or spicula. It is a native of the Northern seas, and is generally found affixed either to stones, rocks, or large shells.